**Social Geography Questions**

In this activity you will be sharing your story from your perspective. The prompts are designed to get us to think more deeply about how our experiences have shaped us. **You are the gatekeeper about what you wish to share with others.** Take a moment to read through the prompts and make notes, if you wish.

**Identity**

* How do you describe your race, ethnicity and/or culture? Why?
* When did you realize you were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (race, ethnicity, culture)? What was that experience like?
* Has you r concept of your race, ethnicity and/or culture changed over time? Why?
* How do you describe other components of identity that are important to you? (gender, class, nationality, sexual orientation, geography, religion, etc.)

**Community**

* Where did you grow up?
* How would you decide the racial and ethnic culture of where you grew up? Who did you see in schools? Who taught? Who was in positions of power or authority in the community?
* How was race, ethnicity, and culture talked about in your family and community? How did this shape your own identity?
* Was your community mostly “the same” or “different”? How did this impact your identity?
* What groups/people were considered different by your family and/or community? (i.e. religion, race, class, sexual orientation, gender, etc.)

**Relationships**

* Did you have any relationships with people different than you while you were growing up?
* Did you interact with people different than you or your family (e.g. family friends, the professionals your family used, who came to dinner with you or for sleepovers?) If so, who did they tend to be? How was this treated?
* Think about your current circle of friends and relationships; are they mostly the same or different than you?
* What does trust look like to you? What does a violation of your trust look like? What are the consequences for those that violate your trust?
* Have you violated another’s trust? How did you know?

**Boundaries**

* Were there any explicit or implicit boundaries you were aware of growing up? These boundaries might have been racial, ethnic, religious, class, gender expression, sexual orientation, etc.
* Who were they placed by? Did you ever attempt to cross any of these boundaries? Why? What happened?

**Using your own criteria for what is comfortable for you, share answers to the following questions with your group:**

* How do you describe your race? Ethnicity? Nationality? Class? Sexual orientation? Gender identity?
* Where did you grow up?
* How would you describe the racial, ethnic, and class makeup of where you grew up? Who did you see in your schools? Who taught? How was difference treated?
* Did you interact with people different than you or your family (e.g. family friends, the professionals your family used, who came to dinner with you or for sleepovers?) If so, who did they tend to be? Were people different than you or your family visible in the environment in which you grew up?
* Were there any explicit or implicit boundaries you were aware of growing up? These boundaries might have been racial, ethnic, religious, class, gender expression, sexual orientation, etc. Who were they placed by? Did you ever attempt to cross any of these boundaries? Why? What happened?